(a) whether the frequency of some Rajdhani Express trains has been increased during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise;

(c) whether Government had a proposal to increase the frequency of Bhubaneswar Rajdhani Express also;

(d) if so, the reasons for which the above proposal has not been implemented, till date; and

(e) the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Frequency of the following Rajdhani Expresses were increased during last three years:—

1. 2951/2952 Mumbai-New Delhi Rajdhani Express from 6 days a week to Daily.
2. 2953/2954 Nizamuddin-Mumbai August Kranti Rajdhani Express from 6 days a week to Daily.
3. 2313/2314 Sealdah-New Delhi Rajdhani Express from 2 days to 4 days a week.

(c) to (e) The frequency of 2421/2422 New Delhi-Bhubaneswar Rajdhani Express will be increased from 2 days to 3 days a week on the availability of Rajdhani coaches during 2002-2003.

Railway projects in Madhya Pradesh

1170. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the railway projects under implementation in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether any targets have been set for their completion;

(c) if so, details thereof; and

(d) total cost *vis-a-vis* funds provided during the last two Railway budgets, for completion of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) The details of ongoing projects in Madhya Pradesh including total cost, funds provided during the last two budgets, and target date of completion, wherever fixed, has been given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Ongoing Railway Projects in Madhya Pradesh

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Year of Inclusion in Budget	KMS	Latest Anticipated Cost	Outlay		Status
					2001-02	2002-03	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Doubling						
1	Bolai-Kalisindh, Kalisindh-Kisoni, Kisoni-Bercha & Maksi-Pirumrod	1992-93	25.7	49.29	0.10	0.90	Completed and commissioned.
2	Kalapipal-Phanda/ Maksi-Bhopal	1990-91	41.5	53.00	1.00	31.00	This work was earlier accorded lower operational priority. The same has been reviewed and work is now being taken up.
	Gauge Conversion						
3	Jabalpur-Gondia including Balaghat-Katangi	1996-97	285	510.53	15.00	44.00	Final location survey has been completed. In Ph. I, work has been taken up on Gondia-Balaghat (42 km) section. Earthwork on available stretches upto formation level has been completed. Bridge on Bagh river is in progress. On Jabalpur-Balaghat section, land acquisition has

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
							been processed for 12 km length from Jabalpur end and work is being taken up.
4	Neemuch-Ratlam	1993-94	135	116.75	15.00	25.00	Earthwork and bridges are in progress.
	New Lines						
5	Guna-Etawah via Shivpur-Gwalior-Bhind	1985-86	344	400.00	25.00	40.00	Guna-Gwalior and Gwalior-Bhind sections have already been completed. The work on last phase from Bhind to Etawah new line is in progress. Land acquisition has been taken up. Work of major bridges on Yamuna, Kuwari and Chambal are in progress. The work is expected to be completed within two years after handing over of land by the State Government.
6	Lalitpur-Satna & Rewa-Singrauli	1997-98	541	925.00	5.00	30.00	Final location survey has been completed for 233 km length. Land acquisition has been taken up. Tenders have been processed for earthwork and bridges in part length. Work has been taken up in part length where land has been handed over.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
7	Godhra-Indore Dewas-Maksi	1989-90	316	597.00	15.00	22.10	This work is planned for execution in phases. The first phase work between Dewas & Maksi has been completed. Final Location Survey from Indore to Godhra has been completed and detailed estimate processed.
8	Ramganj Mandi-Bhopal	2000-01	262	425.00	5.00	20.00	Final location survey completed. Detailed estimate processed. Land acquisition has been taken up.